

REMARKS

Forty-nine claims were originally filed in this case, and all claims were rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 12, 22, and 36 have been amended in a previous amendment, and claims 1 and 12 are being amended by the present amendment. The amendment to claims 1 and 12 was pursuant to a telephone conference with Examiner in which Applicants were advised that the amended claims did not match the language recited in the remarks of Amendment A to be in the claims. The Examiner also requested amendment to claim 12 such that the order of steps (g) and (h) be before steps (e) and (f). However, this amendment was not made because of the order implicit in the language of the claims. For consistency and clarification of Amendment A, the claims have been amended by this amendment to they accurately reflect and support the arguments made in Amendment A.

In view of the foregoing arguments and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims presently in this case are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt favorable action are therefore solicited.

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